



# CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

## 72-HOUR REPORT

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### **(U) CALIFORNIA**

#### **(U) Burbank – Actor Suspected of Taking Part in Capitol Riot Arrested in Burbank**

(U) An actor accused of being in the mob that stormed the US Capitol in January and explicitly addressing House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on camera identified himself to a crowd on his way out of the restricted building, allowing investigators to track him down and arrest him in Burbank, federal officials said. Michael Aaron Carico, 33, was taken into custody by federal agents on 11 August, according to a warrant issued for his arrest.

SOURCE: 15 August 2021, [Mercury News](#)

#### **(U) Los Angeles – Man Stabbed, Reporter Attacked During Protest at LA City Hall**

(U) A man was stabbed and a reporter was attacked Saturday at a protest against vaccine mandates on the south lawn of Los Angeles' City Hall after a fight broke out between the protesters and counterprotesters, the Los Angeles Police Department and local media said. At about 2 p.m., a group of several hundred people holding American flags, Trump memorabilia, and signs calling for "medical freedom" arrived at City Hall for the rally. A small group of counterprotesters gathered nearby. About half an hour later, a fight broke out between the protesters and counterprotesters.

SOURCE: 14 August 2021, [AP](#)

### **(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**

#### **(U) Texas – CBP Officers Seize over \$2 Million in Cocaine at Pharr International Bridge**

(U) Pharr – US Customs and Border Protection intercepted \$2,007,700 in alleged cocaine at the Pharr International Bridge cargo facility. CBP officers assigned to the Pharr-Reynosa International Bridge cargo facility encountered a tractor trailer arriving from Mexico. A CBP officer referred the conveyance for further inspection. After physically inspecting the tractor/trailer, officers discovered 96 packages of alleged cocaine weighing 260.36 pounds concealed within the trailer. CBP seized the narcotics, the tractor/trailer, and the case remains under investigation.

SOURCE: 13 August 2021, [CBP](#)

### **(U) NATIONAL**

#### **(U) District of Columbia – DHS National Terrorism Advisory System Bulletin Reports Upcoming September 11 Anniversary, Religious Holidays Could Inspire Extremist Attacks**

(U) Washington – The upcoming 20th anniversary of the 11 September attacks as well as approaching religious holidays could inspire extremist attacks, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) said in a terrorism alert issued on Friday. DHS did not cite any specific threats in the National Terrorism Advisory System Bulletin, however, it noted that the US is in a "heightened threat environment," fueled by factors that include violent extremists motivated by racial and ethnic hatred and in response to restrictions imposed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

SOURCE: 13 August 2021, [NBC Washington](#)

**(U) Texas – Shooting Leaves Three Dead, Two Wounded**

(U) San Antonio – An argument between two people at a bar in San Antonio, Texas, ended in a mass shooting early Sunday, with three people killed and two others gravely wounded, San Antonio Police Chief William McManus said. The suspect is still at large, McManus said at a briefing. Police were called around 3:35 a.m. about an altercation inside the Boom Boom Sports Bar, which was operating after-hours, McManus said. It's believed that the owner was trying to close the establishment when the altercation began. The chaos spilled over into the parking lot, where a man went to his car, grabbed a long gun and started shooting. Five people were struck. Two of the victims are women, the other three are men, all in their 20s and 30s.

SOURCE: 15 August 2021, [CNN](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL**

**(U) Afghanistan – Taliban Sweep into Afghan Capital After Government Collapses**

(U) Kabul – The Taliban swept into Afghanistan's capital Sunday after the government collapsed and the embattled president joined an exodus of his fellow citizens and foreigners, signaling the end of a costly two-decade US campaign to remake the country. Heavily armed Taliban fighters fanned out across the capital, and several entered Kabul's abandoned presidential palace. Suhail Shaheen, a Taliban spokesman and negotiator, told The Associated Press that the militants would hold talks in the coming days aimed at forming an "open, inclusive Islamic government."

SOURCE: 15 August 2021, [AP](#)

**(U) Syria – ISIS Emir Arrested In SDF, Coalition Operation Following**

(U) Deir ez-Zor – An Islamic State (ISIS) emir was arrested in a joint security operation conducted by the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) and international coalition forces in western Deir ez-Zor province. The SDF and coalition forces clashed with the emir for nearly 40 minutes after storming his house. He was later arrested, and his house blown up.

SOURCE: 15 August 2021, [Rudaw](#)

**(U) United Kingdom – Intelligence Suggests Jihadis Travelling to Afghanistan to Fight with the Taliban**

(U) London – British intelligence services have reportedly intercepted communications from militants in Afghanistan indicating that UK jihadis have travelled to Afghanistan to join the Taliban. Phone calls intercepted from war-torn Afghanistan have revealed jihadis with British accents living among the Taliban. It is believed that the British fighters smuggled themselves into the country following the withdrawal of American military personnel. "We have received some intercepts of two British men, probably below 30, talking openly on mobiles," a senior military intelligence source told The Sun.

SOURCE: 14 August 2021, [Breitbart](#)

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